



Orchid News
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The President's Corner

Happy February! Valentine's Day is on the horizon and there is no better gift to give yourself or a loved one than an orchid! So, if you're going to order orchids in the next couple weeks, please consider ordering them from our vendor of the month, Natt's Orchids. We sent you a list of orchids and you can also see what's available on the website (<http://www.nattsorchids.com/>)

We will once again be meeting via Zoom for the February meeting on the 9th. The meeting will begin at 6:15 pm with our social time and we will start the business meeting around 6:30pm. Please join us! The Zoom link is below.

KOS Admin is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: KOS Admin's Zoom Meeting
Time: Feb 9, 2022 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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The Vice President's Corner

From the Vice President:

February is the month of love and flowers. Traditionally the flowers were and still are in many cases roses, red roses. However, we orchid lovers will take orchids any day! Happy Valentine!

A lot of activity is going on in most greenhouses if what is happening in mine is any indication. Quite a few of the lady slippers are putting on a show, helped by some Cattleya, Ludisia, Oerstedella, Maxillaria and Cattleya crosses. Of course, we cannot forget the orchid companions, the bromeliads, some of which are competing with their own flower display.

For this month we will again share a speaker with MVOS. Manny Aybar, who talked last year about orchids from The Dominican Republic will now talk about Tolumnias which are endemic there. I expect his talk to be different of Edgar Stehli's, after all Tolumnias grow there naturally. Link will be sent later.

These are still challenging times for orchid societies, should we meet in person or still wait? This time of the year adds the weather factor for speakers to travel and transport their orchids to sell. Hence, I reach out to all of you to help with suggestions for speakers, in particular, some of you who may want to show and talk about your orchid growing set up, orchid travel experiences you had, orchid information to present at one of our future meetings while we are in 'covid limbo'?

Our March meeting is not decided yet, MVOS is going for an in-person meeting with a local orchid grower (Jim France will be speaking about Paphiopedilum and Phragmipedium growing).

There are interesting American Orchid Society webinars that we can access because of our society's membership, would that be of interest to view/listen to while we still cannot meet in-person?

See you in February and enjoy the Valentine chocolates you hopefully will receive!

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Following the February KOS business meeting, we will virtually join MVOS on Zoom for a presentation by Manny Aybar. The meeting link and introduction is below:

Wednesday February 9th, 2021 7:00 PM

Social and Culture Questions 6:30 PM

Zoom Meeting

Speaker: Manny Aybar

Topic: Tolumnia

Manuel Aybar works in the Technology Industry. He is originally from the Dominican Republic (A grower's paradise, as he describes it). He has been growing orchids for approximately 26 years. The genus that got him started was Dendrobium in which he specializes (phalaenopsis-type).

He has been a member of the American Orchid Society since 1997 and the Greater North Texas Orchid Society since 2000. Manuel Aybar is an Accredited Judge of the American Orchid Society Judging program, and serves currently as a Chair for the AOS Dallas Judging Center. His current research includes the orchids of the Dominican Republic, for which he has gone in numerous orchid collecting trips back to his home country. He has been extensively involved in the judging of many shows around the US, including the Miami International Orchid Show and most of the southwest region (SWROGA) shows (New Orleans OS, Baton Rouge OS, Shreveport OS, Greater North Texas OS, Fort Worth OS, Oklahoma OS, and Arkansas). He has also served as an international judge for Orchid Shows in Taiwan (TOGA 2010, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2016), Peru, Costa Rica, Colombia, as well as the World Orchid Conference in Miami (2008), Singapore (2011), South Africa (2014), Ecuador (Judging Chair-2017)

He is affiliated with the Southwest Regional Orchid Growers Association (SWROGA), and within this association he belongs to the publications committee

and serves as the Webmaster for the organization's web site. He has given several Orchid Seminars and Potting classes at Smith and Hawkins, North Haven Gardens, and other popular gardening stores. He offered a series of orchid workshops for Range Rover, US as a part of the Land Rover Destination Tour. He is a regular lecturer for the local orchid societies and visiting speaker for societies around the country.

MONTHLY MEETING LOGIN INFORMATION

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 836 8250 3551

Passcode: MVOS2021

Minutes

KOS VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES

January 12, 2022

We had 18 attendees. The minutes of the December meeting were approved and seconded as presented in the newsletter. The Treasurer's report was presented by Linda Solley-Kanipe and was approved by the membership present.

Old Business:

Dues for 2022, \$25. President Day asked that we please send a check to Linda or pay on Venmo (@KOSadmin). Dues are due by March 1, 2022.

Once paid you can pick up your club project plant from Jan or Pam.

New Business:

Condolences: President Day asked to please keep Danetta Willias in your thoughts and prayers as her Mother passed away recently. J. Crafts will send a card from the club. Also, some of you may know Jordan Hawley (KY AOS judge from Lexington) who recently lost his 14 year old daughter to suicide.

2022 Show: Jan Smith and Steve Benjamin have agreed to chair the 2022 show - Thanks!

Thanks to Dick and Catherine for their many years of chairing this event.

Virtual Raffles: Jan Smith will be handling our plant raffles. Thank you Jan!

To participate, purchase tickets from Linda, Jan or on Venmo (@KOSadmin) - \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Vendor of the Month: Our Vendor of the month is Natt's Orchids. We will be placing a group order as soon as we get a list of orchids and prices. I'll send out that list when I get it from Natt's and we'll compile the order. Sam Tsui was to be our vendor of the month but unfortunately he has had a mini stroke. He is recovering nicely and we will have him as our Vendor of the month soon.

Orchid Digest: President Day has sent everyone an email containing the login and password information for Orchid Digest. Please save it for your own use.

Cincinnati Show: Cincinnati will have a spring show - scheduled for the weekend of April 9-10. Their show will be held at the Sharon Woods Park location---more info to come. We need to decide if we will enter a display. Think about it and we can make a final decision next month. They have also set a date of August 26-27 for Orchid Fest.

Speakers: Sharing Speakers - MVOS and KOS often share speakers since our meetings are on the same night. MVOS brought up the fact that it only fair that we both pay a fee to the speaker since the speaker is essentially speaking to 2 societies. If we are just

invited to attend another society's meeting on a different night, then we wouldn't pay a speaker's fee but if we share the speaker we need to compensate them. This was put into a motion and the membership approved.

January Speaker: Ann Marie introduced Bill Bodei, a AOS Trustee Speaking on "Orchid Basics for the Aspiring Expert Grower." A very interesting presentation.

Show & Tell: P. LaRocco presented the winners for the month. Please view them on our Website. Thank you Pam.

Plant Raffle: 5 Winners were drawn this month. Pick up your plants at Jan Smith's House.

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at Kentucky Orchid Society

Topmiller

1st Place - Den. Buttercup - Larry Atwell
2nd Place - C. Valda x B. nodosa - Deanna Day

Fanelli

1st Place - Onc. Tsuki Marguerite – Karen Bloom
2nd Place - Ctsm. Unknown – Larry Atwell
Tie
2nd Place - Ett. Volcano Trick 'Volcano Queen' –
Jan Smith

Meeting adjourned.

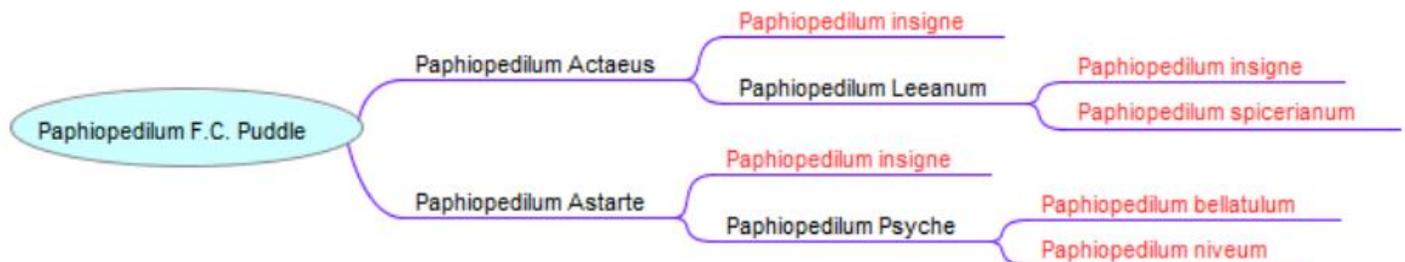
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Gwen's memory lives on through her orchids!

At our KOS summer sale on 12th June 2021, I purchased a *Paphiopedilum* F. C. Puddle from Gwen's collection she had willed to our society. As you can see on the left picture the plant was rather small, two healthy leaves originally.



It was transplanted in Waldor medium¹ on the 15th June and summered outside with lots of others from Gwen's collection (temporary home), until it was time to come in for the winter. All plants were treated against insects at least twice (Safari) and closely monitored for infestations. Once in the greenhouse it was placed on the lower shelf (medium light) in the middle of the greenhouse (intermediate to warm grower). Then we waited, we did not expect anything because of the small size of the plant. The beginning of December it looked like a bud was forming. Indeed, pretty soon a spike appeared which kept growing and the bud started swelling. On 4th January the flower was completely open and we were rewarded with a great looking almost white *Paphiopedilum*! Below is its genealogy.



The cross was registered at the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) in 1932. Unfortunately for us, Gwen did not record when exactly she bought this orchid. She did however win first price in Cincinnati with her plant in 1992!

She documented her collection in photographs and below is a copy of the photograph of the winning plant. The plant had three spikes one of which had two flowers! Looking at her plant, there is so much potential for my little plant to grow into!



¹ Waldor medium: “Fine and Medium fir bark, charcoal, sponge rock, and our secret mix of organic materials.” (Is available via Amazon and Orchid Nerd)

Anne-Marie Blancquaert

LANGUAGE OF ORCHIDS

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*The language of orchids is a test of
the tongue
Pronouncing these names leaves me
completely unstrung
Try as I might to plow through a
name
It comes out quite awful – it makes
me sound quite insane*

*Why couldn't orchids be named by
the guy
Who named the sweet daisy – now
that's easy as pie
It's simple to say – it doesn't make
me look like a fool
But those orchid – namers - I think
they're quite cruel*

*I'd like to feed them peanut butter
And watch them spit and then
to stutter
Over names like *Polystachya
paniculata*
(just to name one that's hard to
utter)*

*These Lords of Orchid Language
I think their shorts are on too tight
We need simple names for common
folk –
Ones that won't give us a fright*

*But I've tried to think of many ways
To remember these hard names
And I've hit upon a twisted way
To play this naming game*

*I associate PHAL-enopsis with
FAIL-enopsis
(because I've murdered quite a few)
You'd think it was autumn in old
Vermont
The way my leaves drop 2 by 2*

*Now *Dialaelia* becomes DIAL-laelia
As in dial 911
Mine had a major stroke
From far too much unfiltered sun*

*And *Renanthera imshootiana*
is a reminder to get a gun
and shoot myself in a tender place
if I dare to buy another one*

*But here are some other associations
That would make the scholars wince
But they help me to remember
These names that are so dense*

**Cynoches chlorochilon*
Sounds like chemicals in my pool
And *Sarcoglottis metallica*
Was a band I knew in school*

*I used to have *Psychopsis*
When I didn't take my meds
And *Cypripedium* was a syndrome
I once had when I wet the bed*

*My kids have gone through *Phaius*
that
Drive me wild with angst
But the ATM takes my Disa card
At all the major banks*

*My doctor told me once
While peering down my throat
That I had *Restrepia striata*
And I couldn't sing a note*

*There's dysfunction every where
today
And cures for your libido
There's a cream I saw for helping
men
Called *Coelogyne flaccida**

*My aunt Besseae had a *Tubero-
labium*
On her *Pleurothallis*
She used some *Polystachya* and
Ended up with callus*

*My grandpa's other brother
Had *Gongora* in the war
Despite his *Rodricidium*
He was always very sore*

**Calopogon* is what I use
To take a bubble bath
It gets me in a better mood
When I get full of wrath*

*My cousin married a plastic surgeon
And he carved on her a bit
Because her *Rhynchostylis gigantea*
Was a less than ideal fit*

*I have a sister called *Trichopilia*
Who rides trick ponies at the faire
She fell and broke her *Cochleanthes*
And is in a wheeled chair*

*I was called a *schlimii* the other day
By a Jewish gent
But I don't think it was meant to be
A very nice compliment*

*There is a flu that's going round
You catch it from a pig
schweinforthianum is its name
It makes your snout grow big*

*I was told I had a *biggibum*
Which made me rather mad
But I turned around – and there
it was
Which made me kinda sad*

*A *Ceratostylis* cut my hair
In a fancy new salon
He made me look like *Dracula*
vampira
Fresh from a crypt at Forest Lawn*

*I have *Gastrochilus*
When I eat too much *glauca* – mole
So I take a couple of Colax
And for dessert I have cannoli*

*I apologize for the slaughter
Of all these gosh darn names
You see – I have a mind just like
a sieve
So it helps to play these games*

*But the truth be know –
Despite these names – And the
spelling (let's not go there!)
It's the beauty we praise
And the charm and the grace
And the common love of orchids
That we share*

